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AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as shown below.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11 and 18 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 to the clean version shown below. A marked version is shown in Appendix A.

Clean Version of Claims as Amended

1. (Amended) A system, comprising:

a plurality of messaging systems for processing respective messages intended for recipients;

a data center in operative communication with the plurality of messaging systems for storing a recipient preference profile associated with each respective recipient; and

a control system for:

accessing an intended recipient preference profile corresponding to an intended recipient of a message; and

using the intended recipient preference profile to process the message, wherein

the recipient preference profile provides a primary address where messages are generally directed, a secondary address and a message rerouting instruction including a specified time period; and

the control system is further for dispatching messages to the secondary address during the specified time period.

2. (Amended) A system, comprising:

a plurality of messaging systems for processing respective messages intended for recipients;

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a data center in operative communication with the plurality of messaging systems for storing a recipient preference profile associated with each respective recipient; and

a control system for:

accessing an intended recipient preference profile corresponding to an intended recipient of a message; and

using the intended recipient preference profile to process the message, wherein

the recipient preference profile includes no interest data pertaining to senders that the intended recipient does not wish to receive messages from; and

the control system is further for not dispatching messages to the intended recipient if the messaging system is operated by a sender described by the no interest data.

3 5. (Amended) A system, comprising:

a plurality of messaging systems for processing respective messages intended for recipients;

a data center in operative communication with the plurality of messaging systems for storing a recipient preference profile associated with each respective recipient; and

a control system for:

accessing an intended recipient preference profile corresponding to an intended recipient of a message; and

using the intended recipient preference profile to process the message, wherein

the recipient preference profile provides a message hold instruction; and

the control system is further for not dispatching messages to the intended recipient while the message hold instruction is active.

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- 5 8. (Amended) A method of operating a data center, the method comprising:
- communicating with a plurality of messaging systems, the messaging systems for processing respective messages intended for recipients;
 - storing respective recipient preference profiles established by the recipients;
 - providing an intended recipient preference profile corresponding to an intended recipient of a message for use by a messaging system in processing the message; and
 - including within the recipient preference profile a primary address where messages are generally directed, a secondary address and a message rerouting instruction including a specified time period wherein messages produced by the messaging systems are to be dispatched to the secondary address during the specified time period.

- 6 10. (Amended) A method of operating a data center, the method comprising:
- communicating with a plurality of messaging systems, the messaging systems for processing respective messages intended for recipients;
 - storing respective recipient preference profiles established by the recipients;
 - providing an intended recipient preference profile corresponding to an intended recipient of a message for use by a messaging system in processing the message;
 - including within the recipient preference profile an indication of a preferred format for messages and wherein messages produced by the messaging systems are to be dispatched to the intended recipient in the preferred format; and
 - including within the recipient preference profile no interest data pertaining to senders that the intended recipient does not wish to receive messages from and wherein messages produced by the messaging systems are not to be dispatched to the intended recipient if the messaging systems are operated by a sender described by the no interest data.

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7 11. (Amended) A method of operating a data center, the method comprising:
communicating with a plurality of messaging systems, the messaging systems
for processing respective messages intended for recipients;
storing respective recipient preference profiles established by the recipients;
providing an intended recipient preference profile corresponding to an
intended recipient of a message for use by a messaging system in processing the
message; and
including within the recipient preference profile a message hold instruction and
wherein messages produced by the messaging systems are not to be dispatched to
the intended recipient while the message hold instruction is active.

14 18. (Amended) The memory of claim 13, further comprising:
discrete messages collected while the hold instruction is active and a
composite message consolidating the discrete messages into a single message to be
delivered to the recipient when the hold instruction is not active.

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